



15 June 2020

Dear students,

We hope you are all well and have had a chance to enjoy the sunshine this weekend. We wanted to write to you to let you know about certain changes that are happening to your online learning.

The consolidation curriculum:

From today, all subjects will give you revision lessons in preparation for an end of year assessment. This will take place in the final week of term (13th of July) and will be set electronically via Google classroom.

The aims of this revision period or 'consolidation curriculum' are to:

1. Build your revision skills
2. Strengthen your memory which will provide you with a strong platform from which to learn next year
3. Help teachers identify any misconceptions you have so that they can tailor lessons to you needs.

The consolidation lesson:

You will be set one lesson per subject per week. The lesson length will vary in line with school expectations. The lesson will focus on a different revision topic each week and will include a teacher 'voice over' or narration. The voice over will explain the key concepts that the lesson is seeking to deliver. This should ensure that each teacher's explanation is clear which means you will be in a better position to access the tasks set by your teacher. At the end of each lesson you will need to complete an 'exit ticket' which will check your learning and provide the teacher and you with feedback.

The clinic:

So that you have consistent access to support, a teacher from each subject has identified a slot that they are available to take any questions you have and respond instantly. This will be shared with you via your subject teacher and in assembly.

The end of year assessment:

The end of year assessment will assess your grasp of the topics delivered in each lesson. It will take the form of multiple choice questions. We do not want you to feel anxious about the assessment, and we would like to stress that each of your results will not affect grade predictions or setting. These results will allow class teachers to best shape their planning for your lessons in September.

We also know that we are asking you to sit an assessment at home rather than in school. We will send out more help on this closer to the time. For now, please focus on ensuring you engage with each lesson, listen carefully to the teacher audio and complete the tasks set.

As always, please let your teacher or tutor know if there is a problem.

We hope you are all well and look forward to seeing you back at Highlands soon.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mia Lloyd', written in a cursive style.

Mia Lloyd
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